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WGMS (Washington) and the MBS Network:

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(EXCERPT)Fulton Lewis, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. over WGMS (Washington) and the MBS Network:

Mr. Lewis commented on State Department concern over events in Yugoslavia, and the following was heard, in part:

"What I'm going to tell you now is going to make you very mad, I'm afraid. This is in direct line -- is directly in line with the official propaganda policy which our own Radio Free Europe has been conducting across the Iron Curtain for at least a year and a half, and I have documentation here to prove that fact and plenty more.

"Radio Free Europe -- I'm sure you've heard of it -- is supported in part by Mr. Allen Dulles' CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, the CIA, although he doesn't admit it, and in part by the much promoted Crusade for Freedom, which even at this minute is getting ready for a big nationwide house-to-house drive during November for contributions from you, the public, in the glamorous name of Truth Dollars. This is for the purpose, according to what the public is told, of spreading the gospel of liberty and freedom to the people behind the Iron Curtain, and keeping alive the torch of democracy.

"I have here an official directive of Radio Free Europe from its headquarters in Munich to the employees there, dated back in March of 1956 and still in effect, from which let me read, and this is verbatim, quote, 'The presentation of materials dealing with Communism in the satellite countries intended for members of the Communist Party must assume new form and content.' Unquote.

"The new form, it explains, is to begin an organized build-up of Tito as the great liberator of the Yugoslavian people and to direct the Radio Free Europe people to so frame their propaganda in the future as to encourage the people behind the Iron Curtain to Titoism as the path to freedom. I quote further, quote, 'Titoism in Yugoslavia has proven itself and is defending the country against Bolshevist Stalinism,' unquote. It then gives five basic instructions for future guidance of the editors and broadcasters and says that, quote, 'It is necessary that each editor think through these guidelines and present further appropriate suggestions.'

"And here are the five points, and I'm going to read all of these verbatim. 'Instruction one: the evaluation desk for editors who deal with broadcasts concerning Communism must prepare from their archives a list of members of the key leaders of the Communist Party who show individualistic leanings and are obviously in disagreement with Moscow's influence on the satellite countries,' commenting on the character of these individuals wherever possible. Instruction two: editors who are preparing broadcasts dealing with the Communist Party are to slant their broadcasts in the future in such a manner that they no longer attack Communist Party members so caustically, but appeal to the conscience and surreptitiously emphasize many of their good deeds. Instruction three: In the other broadcasts it's necessary to glorify the figure of Marshal Tito in the eyes of Yugoslavia and of the Western World. Tito is a hero who has saved the nation from an exploitation by foreign barbarians and led them from their own possibly downfall to a happy future.'

"This, you understand, is an official directive by the heads of Radio Free Europe, which you are asked to support by contributing Truth Dollars to the Crusade for Freedom on the pretext of sending the message of liberty to the oppressed people

of Communist countries. But let's resume: 'Instruction four: it has been proven that Titoism is a necessary transition to democracy on a cold road without war. Instruction five: In all transcripts from books which have been written about the retreat of the Moscow rulers from Belgrade, it is necessary to include details and show the methods employed by Tito to achieve success. It is necessary to relieve capable individualists from the fear of possible punishment from crime, should they sometime arrive at democratic principles, a fear which keeps them from defecting (SIC) to Titoism.' Unquote.

"In short, the Radio Free Europe propaganda, which we've been spreading behind the Iron Curtain, has been agitating the people to turn from Russian Communism to Tito Communism, and this is what we call the message of freedom and liberty. It may interest you to know who is running Radio Free Europe in Munich. Well, it's a very large staff and a very extravagant operation, but the important point is that in the past two years ten members of the broadcasting and editorial and screening staff have defected behind the Iron Curtain from Munich, and most of them were immediately placed in highly responsible jobs in their home Communist government.

(Mr. Lewis then discussed the military and economic aid sent to Yugoslavia.)

"I may say that this is just the first report on Radio Free Europe and its activities. I'll be bringing you more and more as time goes on, and I think you're going to be deeply shocked when you find out how this tax-exempt, supposedly patriotic freedom propaganda organization, which appeals over radio and by personal visit coast-to-coast for Truth Dollars, is being operated and to what end. The Munich operation, for example, is loaded with local Communists who were thrown out of Czechoslovakia when the hardcore Stalinist Communists took over in 1948, and set up the Russian puppet government, and the fact that ten of these have defected to Prague in the last two years would seem to suggest that they actually were plants all the time and infiltrated into the Munich operation. Remember the title, Radio Free Europe, which is supported by the Crusade for Freedom."